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SUBJECT: FURTHER INDICATIONS LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOW SEEN NUMBER EXPENDED RIFLE AND SHELL CASINGS APPARENTLY USED BY REBELS DURING ABORTIVE COUP. ONE IS EXPLODED RECOILLESS RIFLE SHELL WITH CYRILLIC MARKINGS. ANOTHER IS MORTAR SHELL FRAGMENT WITH ONE CYRILLIC LETTER. SEVERAL BULLET CASINGS IDENTIFIED BY OUR MARINE DETACHMENT AS RUSSIAN, ONE DATED 1972. SAHAFA JULY 5 CARRIES PHOTOGRAPH OF JEEP WITH RECOILLESS ANTI-TANK RIFLE. THIS IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEE AS ONE HE SAW IN OMDURMAN WITH "BENGAZI-LIBYA" LEGONDIGN SIDE AND FOLLOWING OTHER MARKINGS:
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"VRP - SPECIALITE 4X4 BRUXELL."

2. SAHAFA CARRIES PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH EX-BRIGADER MOHAMMED NUR SAAD AND EX-AIR FORCE CAPTAIN BUSHRA ABDALLAH. ACCORDING ITEM, NUR SAAD "LED" THE INVASION. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HE WAS IDENTIFIED BY FORMER NEIGHBORS AS DIRECTING REBEL ACTION JULY 2 AGAINST MILITARY CANTONMENT IN SOUTHERN OMDURMAN BEYOND WHITE NILE BRIDGE. BOTH NUR SAAD AND ABDALLAH BELIEVED TO BE WESTERNERS IMPLICATED IN ONE OR ANOTHER OF PREVIOUS COUP ATTEMPTS. BOTH HAD FLED COUNTRY AND ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN LIBYA.

3. IN ADDITION INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL, MEDIA FEATURES NIMEIRI'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY TO UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW THAT 80 PERCENT OF REBELS WERE NON-SUDANESE. ALSO, AL-AYAM OF JULY 4 STATES ONE REBEL HAS ADMITTED BEING PAID MONTHLY SALARY OF 250 "DINARS" WHILE PAPER ESTIMATES PLOT COST MILLIONS OF DINARS." (COMMENT: TERM "DINARS" NOT USED HERE EXCEPT TO DENOTE NON-SUDANESE ARAB ROONEY. END COMMENT.) PAPER ALSO CLAIMS ONE WOUNDED REBEL STATED INVADERS WENT INTO ACTION SHOUTING TRADITIONAL ANSAR WAR-CRY "GOD IS GREAT." BREWER

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